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FOLLOWING IS FRENCH TEXT LAMIZANA'S STATEMENT TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS 1500 JAN 5.

EXCELLENCIES:

1. AT THIS TIME, WHEN THE WILDEST RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT EVENTS WHICH TERMINATED IN THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT YAMEOGO, IT IS MY SINCERE DESIRE TO GIVE YOU EVERY ASSURANCE THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WILL CONTINUE, AS IN THE PAST, TO ENJOY COMPLETE SAFETY WITH RESPECT TO YOUR PERSONS AND PROPERTY IN THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR MISSIONS.

II. THEREFORE I EARNESTLY REQUEST THAT YOU REMAIN CALM AND NOT LOSE CONFIDENCE.

AS YOU KNOW, OWING TO ITS SPECIAL GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, IN THE HEART OF WEST AFRICA, UPPER VOLTA IS STRIVING TO MAINTAIN CLOSE, FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR, AND, IN GENERAI WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD THAT ARE DEVOTED TO THE SAME IDEALS OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND PEACE.

ITS FOREIGN POLICY, WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS DESIRED TO KEEP REALISTIC, IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CLASSIC PRINCIPLES:

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1. NATIONAL INTEREST: TOP PRIORITY GIVEN TO SEEKING THE MAXIMUM WELL-BEING OF THE GREATEST NUMBER OF CITIZENS, THE PROTECTION AND SAFE-GUARDING OF THEIR INTERESTS OF ALL TYPES;

2. INDEPENDENCE AND ITS TWO COROLLARIES, MUTUAL RESPECT AND ABSOLUTE EQUALITY OF STATES, AND NONINTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES;

3. NEUTRALITY: UNDERSTOOD AS THE REJECTION OF EXTERNAL INFLUENCE AND THE REFUSAL TO BECOME CLOSELY LINKED TO ANY OF THE PRESENTLY EXISTING POLITICAL BLOCS OR TO ANY OF THE PRESENT-DAY GREAT POWERS.

THE DIPLOMACY OF UPPER VOLTA, WHICH SCRUPULOUSLY FOLLOWS PRINCIPLES BOTH IN UPPER VOLTA'S RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER STATES AND IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INTENDS TO DEMAND THAT THEY RECIPROCATE.

I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO CALL YOUR EXCELLENCIES' ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT UPPER VOLTA, AS I ALREADY PROCLAIMED MONDAY EVENING WHEN I ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF CHIEF OF STATE AT THE REQUEST OF THE PEOPLE, WILL CONTINUE TO HONOR ALL ITS COMMITMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD.

IT DECLARES ITSELF BOUND BY ALL THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO WHICH IT IS A PARTY.

IN PARTICULAR, IT AGAIN SOLEMNLY PROCLAIMS ITS COMPLETE ADHERENCE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE ENTENTE, THE COMMON ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN AND MALAGASY STATES, THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

IT ALSO PROCLAIMS THAT IT STRONGLY DESIRES TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES ON A BASIS OF RECIPROCITY.

IN PARTICULAR IT CONSIDERS THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE OF THE AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO THE PRECEDING GOVERNMENT TO BE VALID.

IN RETURN I BEG YOUR EXCELLENCIES TO BE GOOD ENOUGH TO INFORM YOUR RESPECTIVE CHIEFS OF STATE THAT I REQUEST THEM TO CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE UPPER VOLTA AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO THEM IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY.

LASTLY I SHOULD LIKE TO REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCIES TO BE MY SPOKESMAN IN TRANSMITTING TO YOUR RESPECTIVE CHIEFS OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF MY FRIENDSHIP AND HIGH ESTEEM.

LONG LIVE THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR STATES.
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ROBERTS

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